

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

CHARLESTON DIVISION

B. P. J., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:21-cv-00316

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, et al.,

Defendants.

SCHEDULING ORDER

The Court has reviewed the Report of the Parties' Planning Meeting [ECF No. 92] filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f). It is **ORDERED** that the scheduling conference previously scheduled for September 20, 2021, be cancelled. Pursuant to Rule 16(b) and Local Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1(e), it is further **ORDERED** that this case shall proceed as follows:

Amendment of pleadings and joinder of parties	10/26/2021
Deadline for written discovery requests.	2/8/2022
Expert disclosure by party with burden of proof.	1/24/2022
Expert disclosure by opposing party.	2/23/2022
Expert disclosure for rebuttal purposes.	3/11/2022
Deposition deadline and close of discovery.	3/25/2022
Filing of dispositive motions.	4/14/2022
Responses to dispositive motions.	4/28/2022
Reply to response to dispositive motion	5/5/2022
Hearing on motions for summary judgment	6/8/2022 10:00 AM
Settlement meeting deadline.	5/25/2022
Filing of motions in limine.	6/22/2022
Responses to motions in limine.	6/29/2022
Plaintiff draft of pretrial order to defendant.	6/20/2022

Integrated pretrial order filed by defendant.	6/27/2022
Pretrial conference.	7/6/2022 11:00 AM
Proposed jury instructions filed.	7/18/2022
Final settlement conference.	7/25/2022 9:00 AM
Trial	7/26/2022 8:30 AM

The amendment of any pleading and the joinder of any party is subject to Rule 15 and 16, and the accompanying rules governing the joinder of parties.

The last date to complete depositions shall be the “discovery completion date” by which all discovery, including disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1), and (2), but not disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3), shall be completed. Pursuant to Local Rule 26.1(c), the court adopts and approves the agreements of the parties with respect to limitations on discovery (numbers of interrogatories, requests for admissions, and depositions).

Regarding the settlement meeting, the parties and their lead trial counsel, if any, shall meet and conduct negotiations looking toward the settlement of the action, and counsel and any unrepresented parties will be prepared at the pretrial conference to certify that they have done so. Counsel for the plaintiff(s) shall take the initiative in scheduling the settlement meeting, and all other counsel and unrepresented parties shall cooperate to effect such negotiations. If the action is not settled during the settlement meeting, and if there is no order or stipulation to the contrary, counsel and unrepresented parties shall make all Rule 26(a)(3) disclosures at the conclusion of the meeting or session.

The proposed integrated pretrial order, signed by all counsel and unrepresented parties, shall set forth the matters listed in Local Rule 16.7(b).

At both the pretrial and final settlement conferences, lead trial counsel shall appear fully

prepared to discuss all aspects of the case. Individuals with full authority to settle the case for each party shall be present in person or immediately available by telephone.

Regarding the proposed charge to the jury, counsel shall submit numbered instructions in charge form on substantive theories of recovery or defense, on damages and on evidentiary matters peculiar to the case, and special interrogatories, if any be appropriate to the case, along with a proposed verdict form.

Should lead trial counsel fail to appear at any pre-trial conference or otherwise fail to meet and confer in good faith with opposing counsel as required herein, or should a party or his authorized representative fail to appear or be available at any conference or otherwise fail to meet and confer in good faith as required herein, appropriate sanctions may be imposed, including, but not limited to, sanctions by way of imposition of attorney fees against the attorney and/or his client pursuant to Rule 16(f).

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this order to all counsel of record and any unrepresented parties.

ENTER: September 8, 2021



JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE